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GUIDE
Lyme Art Association Business Papers

SCOPE OF THE COLLECTION: Extensive collection of LAA business meeting minutes, correspondence, newspaper articles, and other miscellany donated by Ann and Greg Smith.

Folder 1

Description:

1. Annual Meeting — Lyme Art Association — June 8, 1946
(Also present I. Olinsky, W. Chadwick. W.H. Foote, B. Bruestle, C. and M. Ebert, G. Wiggins)
2. Meeting — September 14, 1946 (Also present T. Nason, G. Smith, H. Hoffman, L. Longacre)
3. Meeting — June 7, 1947
4. Artists' Meeting — September 6, 1947; Treasurer's Report — H. Hoffman \$19,216.74 Assets
5. Business Meeting — June 12, 1948
6. Meeting — September 11, 1948
7. Letter, unsigned, to Mrs. S. Kellogg Plume confirming Life membership
8. Artists' Meeting — June 11, 1949 — Appointed Hanging Committee
9. Business Meeting — June 11, 1949
10. Meeting — June 10, 1949
11. Meeting — September 10, 1949
12. Artists' Meeting — September 10, 1949
13. Business Meeting — June 10, 1950
14. Business Meeting — September 9, 1950
15. Artists' Meeting — September 9, 1950
16. Business Meeting — June 9, 1951
17. Artists' Meeting — June 9, 1951
18. Meeting — September 8, 1951
19. Business Meeting — June 7, 1952 — followed by Artists' Meeting
20. Business Meeting — September 6, 1952
21. Artists' Meeting — June 6, 1953
22. Business Meeting — June 6, 1953
23. Artists' Meeting — September 12, 1953
24. Meeting — September 12, 1953
25. Artists' Meeting — September 12, 1953

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26. Meeting — June 5, 1954
27. Meeting — October 29, 1954 Not a regular meeting — held late due to hurricane and difficulty traveling
28. Meeting — June 11, 1955
29. Meeting — September 17, 1955
30. Meeting — June 9, 1956
31. Meeting — September 8, 1956 — Plan special exhibition of Edward Rook paintings
32. Meeting — June 15, 1957
33. Meeting — September 14, 1957 — determined rules for submission of work for exhibits — Gregory Smith retires after 20 years as Chair
34. Executive Meeting — June 18, 1958 — recommends Will S. Taylor as president, also to hire Mrs. Doris Shaw as manager of Gallery for \$50/week — includes handwritten rough draft
35. Letter to Miss Florence Woolley — October 1, 1958 — Accepts resignation and forwards payment of \$350
36. Executive Meeting — August 8, 1958 — Granted permission following membership vote to allow Guy Wiggins permission to use Gallery after September 14 for one week.
37. Meeting — September 13, 1958
38. Executive Meeting — September 29, 1958 — Mrs. Shaw, Manager, to receive \$1000 for additional secretarial work — that student or teacher be hired for Desk Attendant for \$500
39. Meeting — June 6, 1959 — Plan tribute to Florence Griswold — LAA to have tea before opening will not be joint with Lyme Historical Society this year
40. Meeting — September 12, 1959 — To repair leaks in skylights and painting
41. Meeting — June 11, 1960
42. Executive Committee Meeting — August 2, 1960
43. Meeting — September 10, 1960 — Listing of expenditures for exhibit 196.31 and rough draft
44. Meeting — November 4, 1960 — By-laws
45. By-law Committee — November 4, 1960
46. Annual Meeting — June 10, 1961
47. Meeting — June 9, 1962 — 2 copies
48. Meeting — September 8, 1962
49. Meeting — June 8, 1963
50. Meeting — Sept. 14, 1963 — 2 copies plus rough draft

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Folder 2

(All letters to Bertram Bruestle unless otherwise indicated)

Description:

1. June 10, 1946 — from May G. Wiggins, congratulations and notes regarding duties of LAA secretary
2. June 27, 1946 — from H.S. Burr, Yale School of Medicine, acknowledging acceptance as a member
3. September 20, 1946 — from May G. Wiggins, Correspondence Secretary, acknowledging gift of \$250 for 25 years of service at Gallery and as Correspondence Secretary
4. September 23, 1946 — To Mr. Rook from Bertram Bruestle, Thank you for the gift of drawings and prints to LAA
5. June 16, 1947 — From Sarah Eakin Cowan — acknowledging membership, but unable to serve this year
6. September 20, 1947 — from Henry Krels — Accepts membership with pleasure
7. January 29, 1947 — from W. Langdon Kihn — Sends $\frac{1}{2}$ of initiation fee
8. October 22, 1947 — from Henrik Mayer — acknowledging acceptance of membership
9. June 11, 1949 — from Guy Wiggins — asks for raise
10. June 28, 1950 — from L.K. Holder — acknowledges membership and sends \$50
11. July 17, 1950 — to Greg from R. Dennis, H. Burr proposing Nelson C. White as a member
12. August 12, 1950 — from G. Wiggins — proposes R. Read for membership
13. September 16, 1950 — from N.C. White — accepting membership as artist
14. September 20, 1950 — Special meeting to accept two monetary donations
15. November 28, 1951 — from William MacRobbie — accepts membership and sends dues
16. June 30, 1952 — from Frederick Buckholz — accepts membership and pays dues
17. April 29, 1953 — from Mrs. Franklin Miller offering 2 paintings by George B. Burr to LAA
18. June 8, 1953 — to Albertus Jones reminding him of rules for artist's membership, therefore his candidate could not be voted on

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19. December 31, 1953 - from Mrs. W. Langdon Kihn - Response to letter of sympathy and flowers sent to her by LAA
20. June 8, 1954 - from Donald Thompson - Accepts membership with honor
21. September 24, 1956 - from Roger Tory Peterson accepting with pleasure his election as artist member of LAA
22. June 15, 1957 - Nomination of Boris Artebashev by H.J. Burr, Roger Dennis, and B. Bruestle
23. July 8, 1957 - Family acknowledgement of sympathy at death of Harry Hoffman
24. October 10, 1957 form H. Peck - Thanks for being made member of LAA
25. July 11, 1958 - to G. Smith from Mrs. Jessie Waters, Secretary of the New London Art Students League thanking LAA for use of their facility and seeking ways to adequately reimburse them for this privilege
26. June 16, 1958 - from Mrs. Guy Wiggins applying for position as Manager of LAA and giving her qualifications
27. October 4, 1958 - from Florence Woolley - Accepts check owed due to resignation
28. May 26, 1959 - Nomination of Hugh DeHaven by H.J. Burr, B. Bruestle, and G. Smith
29. October 3, 1959 - from H. DeHaven - Acknowledges election to artist's membership with honor
30. September 16, 1959 - from Pauline Hopkins Stack accepting membership with pleasure
31. September 7, 1960 - from Copp and Dupont to W. Taylor, President LAA, regarding proposed changes to by-laws
32. September 6, 1961 - Nomination of Rudolf Scheffler for membership by F. Sexton, G. Nason, and Wm. Donahue
33. September 6, 1961 - from Wm. Donahue explaining delay in response to invitation to Rudolf Scheffler
34. November 15, 1961 - from Mary Symonds - Response to sympathy message from LAA
35. February 22, 1962 - from Mrs. L.O. Miller - Thank you for warm letter from B. Bruestle and flowers
36. June 1, 1962 - from Phillip Gildersleeve, News Editor, *Middletown Press*, seeks information about the LAA
37. September 26, 1962 - from Alphaeus Cole accepting membership with honor
38. August 12, 1962 - from P. Chadwick - Acknowledges letter of sympathy and flowers sent by LAA

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39. November 7, 1963 — from K Warner — Acknowledges sympathy notes and flowers from LAA
40. March 12, 1964 — from Jack Hoffman — Appreciation for flowers sent in memory of his father
41. Acknowledgement of gifts of sympathy for Henry G. Kreis
42. Acknowledgement of gifts of sympathy from McManus family
43. September 12 — Meeting to vote on artist memberships for H. Deltauen and Pauline Stack
44. From Lloyd Patterson — Asks for a correction of address
45. From Barbara Ferry — Accepts membership
46. From Carol Hardin — Accepts in husband's name his membership in LAA
47. From Mrs. James Eason — Seeks further information about G. Wiggins and B. Bruestle paintings
48. From Annie Smith — Thank you for gift sent on wedding anniversary

Folder 3

LAA Newspaper Articles

Description:

1. *Peterson News* — July 3 — "Ridgewood Residents Visit Famous Art Gallery"
2. *Des Moines, Iowa Register* — "Des Moines Resident Visits Famous Connecticut Gallery" — no date
3. Annual Exhibit Press Release — July 13, no year?
4. *Newark NJ News* — "Newark Prize Winner Visits Old Lyme Show"
5. *Knoxville, Tennessee Journal Sentinel* — "Knoxville Residents Visit Famous Old Lyme Gallery" — no date
1. *Lawrence, Kansas Journal World*, - 1935- Article features Lucien Abrams
7. *Louisville, Kentucky Courier Journal* - "Louisville Resident Visits Famous Lyme Art Gallery" — no date
8. *Meadville, Pennsylvania Tribune-Republican* — "Meadville Resident Visits Famous Old Lyme Exhibition"
9. Release to nine newspapers in Michigan, July 15, no year?: "Grand Rapids Artist (Will Howe Foote) Captures First Prize"
10. *Nashua, New Hampshire Telegraph* — "Nashua Resident Visitor at Famous Art Gallery"

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11. New Bedford, Massachusetts *Standard Times* — no date, "Cotuit Resident Visits Old Lyme Art Exhibit"
12. *New Britain Herald* — "New Britain Artist (Marian Hungerford) in Old Lyme Show"
13. Press Release — July 13, no year?
14. *Coral Gables, Miami News*, and the *Herald* — "Coral Gables Resident (Charles Vezin) in Connecticut Show" — no date
15. *Jersey City Journal* — Focuses on canvases by Winfield Scott Clime (sic) — no date
16. *Fort Wayne Journal* — "Fort Wayne Resident Visits Old Lyme Gallery" — no date
17. *Great Neck, NY News* — "Great Neck Resident Visitor at Famous Art Gallery" — no date
18. *Gulfport, Mississippi Herald* — "Boats by Biloxi Bay Feature of Art Exhibit" — no date
19. *Jersey City, New Jersey Journal* — "Artist Exhibits in Connecticut Gallery" — Winfield Clime Scott featured, no date
20. *New Orleans Times — Picayune* Features Edmund Volkert
21. *Norwich, Connecticut Bulletin* — "Norwich Residents Visit Famous Art Gallery" (34th Annual Exhibition)
22. *Pocatello, Idaho Tribune* — Pocatello Residents Visit Famous Connecticut Gallery
23. *Richmond, Virginia Times-Dispatch* — "Virginia Scene Favorite with Lyme Group Artists" September 1, no year?
24. *Wilmington, Delaware and Holyoke Transcript-Telegram* — Article follows career of William Chadwick
25. *San Antonio Texas Express* — "San Antonio Artists Canvases (Lucien Abrams) in Connecticut Group Exhibition", No date
26. *Elizabeth, New Jersey* — "Elizabeth Residents Visit Famous Lyme Group Gallery"
27. *Dearborn, Michigan — Michigan Independent* — July 27, no year? — "Dearborn Residents Visit Famous Old Lyme Exhibition"
28. *New Brunswick, New Jersey Home News* — "New Brunswick Resident Visits Famous Old Lyme Exhibition" July 26, no year?
29. *Virginian Pilot* — Norfolk, Virginia — "Norfolk Resident Visits Famous Old Lyme Gallery" no date
30. *East Hampton, New York* — July 29, no year? — Mrs. Miriam Shaw — On Tour of Art Gallery

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31. Sarasota, Florida — *Herald* — Mrs. George Freeman and daughter visit LAA
32. Ottawa, Illinois — *Republican Times* — "Ottawa Residents Visit Old Lyme Gallery" — August 8, no year?
33. Pomona, California — *Progress-Bulletin* — August 8, no year? — Visit of Frank A. Pitman
34. Durham, North Carolina — *Herald-Sun*, August 8, no year?, Visit of Two Durham Residents
35. Columbus, Ohio *Dispatch* and Bangor, Pennsylvania *News* — "Bangor residents Visit Famous Art Gallery" — Columbus Teacher (Margaret Crawford) Visits Famous Old Lyme Gallery — no date
36. Minneapolis, Minnesota *Tribune* — no date — "Minneapolis Art Director Visits Famous Lyme Gallery"
37. Newark, New Jersey *Star-Eagle* (34th Annual exhibition) — no date — "New Jersey residents Visit Old Lyme Exhibit"
38. Ashland, Ohio *Times-Gazette*, — "Ashland Residents Visit Famous Old Lyme Gallery"
39. *Connecticut News Herald* — "Connecticut Residents Visit Famous Old Lyme Gallery" — no date
40. Oklahoma City, Oklahoma — "Nan Sheets Visits Old Lyme Art Group" — August 8, no year?
41. Tulsa, Oklahoma — "Tulsa Resident Visits Old Lyme Gallery" — August 10, no year?
42. Release sent to Newark *Sunday News*, Washington D.C. *Post*, Dallas *News-Reviews* — Features Edward Rook's painting *Snow, Ice and Foam*, no date
43. Taunton, Massachusetts *Gazette* — September 1, no year? — "Wareham Resident Visits Famous Connecticut Gallery"
44. Press Release — July 13, no year?
45. Press Release — LAA 3rd Annual Autumn Show
46. Lyme Art Group Makes 1935 Prize — Features Will Howe Foote and Prize Winning Painting *Jamaica Native*
47. Worcester, Massachusetts *Post* — July 26, no year? — Grace Smith Visit

Folder 4 —

New Building, 1936 Artist Members, History and Biographies

Description

1. Special meeting minutes, 5/27/1921, regarding new building, pages 2 and 3 only (no page 1)

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1. Three envelopes with notices of LAA Exhibitions: 1903, 1907, 1911
2. List of 1936 Artist members and dates of each artists first exhibition with LAA
3. Article on F.V. Dumond - Portland *Oregonia* - no date
4. Short history of LAA
5. Short biographies of all LAA artist exhibitors
6. Invitation to join the Society of Medalists

Folder 5 -

Description:

Large envelope of articles donated by Charles Vezin and dealing with publicity releases for exhibitions

Folder 6 -

Description:

1. Special meeting at the studio of Harry Hoffman to discuss financial plans for new art gallery - no date
2. Several unrelated letters regarding sending and receiving pictures - some donated, some purchased
3. Auditor's Report - May 1949
4. Note of appreciation to Barcroft Co. for cloth to cover skylights
5. Correspondence to Robert Nisbet regarding pictures offered
6. Letter of appreciation from Old Lyme Selectmen regarding Hassam's picture of Old Lyme Church
7. Several articles to New England newspapers by Publicity Committee regarding works by artists Related to those areas
8. Manuscript - *What Price Understanding?* By Elliot Kimball

Folder 7 -

Description:

Various articles intended for publication on various Exhibitions - no dates

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Description:

Newspaper clippings - various years

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Description:

Requests to place small posters on premises and favorable
Replies from hotels and businesses

Folder 10 -

Description: Ten Envelopes

1. Duplicate copies of sent LAA letters
2. 1929 Publicity Release 28th LAA Exhibition - list of exhibitors - rough draft of publicity releases
3. Publicity Committee Releases
4. Various newspaper articles regarding LAA exhibitions - also several hand written letters - no signatures - donated by Mr. Rousseau - 1926
5. Several essays regarding LAA Exhibit - 1931 - Publicity release
6. 1932 - Assorted manuscripts associated with exhibit of that year
7. Envelope 7 is missing - Patty Devoe, 4/19/2016 -List of all newspapers and other publications where LAA advertised 30th annual exhibition
8. Duplicates of publicity releases and assorted newspapers that reference LAA
9. More copies of publicity releases for 30th LAA exhibition
10. 1929 - Assorted unrelated correspondence sent by Mr. Rousseau regarding publicity

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